



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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Howard F. Jaeckel
Vice President and Associate General Counsel
CBS
1515 Broadway
New York, New York 10036

RE: MUR 5540
CBS Broadcasting, Inc.

MUR 5545
Viacom, Inc., CBS, CBS News

Dear Mr. Jaeckel:

On October 5, 2004, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Viacom, Inc., and CBS Broadcasting, Inc., et al., of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). On June 7, 2005, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, information provided by you, and other publicly available information, that there is no reason to believe Viacom, Inc., CBS Broadcasting, Inc., CBS, or CBS News violated the Act. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information. A Statement of Reasons from one or more Commissioners may follow shortly.

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If you have any questions, please contact Elena Paoli, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel


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Deputy Associate General Counsel
for Enforcement

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General Counsel's Report

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